MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 16, 2014

INVOCATION:
Pastor Rick Bloom of Pacific Christian Center gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Director of Community Development Appel, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Tse, Director of Administrative Services Visé, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. CEREMONIAL ITEMS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The City of Santa Maria consolidated its General Municipal Election held on November 4, 2014, with the Statewide General Election which was conducted by the County of Santa Barbara Elections Division. On December 2, 2014, County Clerk-Recorder Joseph Holland certified the election results. Based on the certified election results, Councilmember Jack Boysen was re-elected for another four-year term and Etta Waterfield was elected as a new member of the City Council for a four-year term.

Public Input
There were no requests to speak.

Council Discussion
There was no discussion by the Council.

Resolution No. 2014-146 was adopted accepting the County Clerk's Certificate of Election Results of the Official Canvas on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2014-146 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND ACCEPTING COUNTY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE – RESULTS OF THE OFFICIAL CANVASS.

B. PROCLAMATION – WILLIE GREEN DAY
Mayor Patino read and presented a proclamation in recognition of "Willie Green Day," December 16, 2014, in the City of Santa Maria to honor Councilmember Green for his service on the City Council. Mr. Green accepted the proclamation and expressed his gratitude to the City staff and residents for a fulfilling two years of service.

Deputy City Manager Barnhard presented Councilmember Green with a framed photo of the City Council.

C. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS.
Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz requested that Jack Boysen step forward to take his Oath of Office. The Oath of Office was administered to re-elected Councilmember Boysen, and he was presented with a Certificate of Election.

Councilmember Boysen thanked voters for re-electing him and shared the following four main goals over the next four years: 1) continue improving the downtown corridor; 2) ensure safe and sufficient water supplies; 3) pursue a four-year university for the area; and 4) expand affordable housing in the community.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz requested that Etta Waterfield step forward to take her Oath of Office. The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Councilmember Waterfield, and she was presented with a Certificate of Election.

Councilmember Waterfield stated she appreciated the strong family values of the residents of Santa Maria. She thanked voters for electing her and promised to work hard to properly serve the citizens of Santa Maria.

D. RECESS:
Mayor Patino called a 15-minute recess at 6:57 p.m. for a reception to recognize the newly elected officers.

RECONVENE:
Mayor Patino reconvened the Regular City Council meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

E. RETIREMENT OF FIRE BATTALION CHIEF
Councilmember Orach presented Resolution No. 2014-147 recognizing and commending Fire Battalion Chief Richard Bertram for more than 34 years of service with the City of Santa Maria, and congratulating him on his retirement.

Resolution No. 2014-147 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2014-147 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING FIRE BATALLION CHIEF RICHARD BERTRAM FOR MORE THAN 34 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

Fire Battalion Chief Bertram thanked his family for 34 years of support and City staff for showing confidence in him. He went on to say he was very proud to be part of such a rewarding career and organization.

Fire Chief Orr thanked Fire Battalion Chief Bertram and wished him and his family much happiness in his retirement years.

Mayor Patino thanked Fire Battalion Chief Bertram and said he would be missed.

F. RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER NARTATEZ
Councilmember Zuniga presented Resolution No. 2014-148 recognizing and commending Sergeant Christopher Nartatez for his 16 years of service with the City of Santa Maria, and congratulating him on his retirement.

Resolution No. 2014-148 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2014-148 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER NARTATEZ FOR HIS 16 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

Sergeant Nartatez spoke of his 37 years in the law enforcement having started his career in Guadalupe. He expressed his gratitude to Chief Martin, City Manager Haydon, City Council, and City staff for their support.

Police Chief Martin stated Sergeant Nartatez was constantly his "go-to" person and always followed through with projects that were delegated to him.

Councilmember Orach recounted the long history he has had with Sergeant Nartatez.

Mayor Patino thanked Sergeant Nartatez for his professionalism.

Councilmember Zuniga also expressed her appreciation for a long-standing friendship over the years with Sergeant Nartatez.

G. LIGHTS, SIGHTS, AND HOLIDAY NIGHTS

Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, along with Facilities Specialist Fuentes, announced the winners of the 2014 "Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Holiday Decoration Contest," and presented the winners with certificates. The City was divided into four quadrants in order to award a Best Residence to each section of town. This year's winners were:

Best Decorated Residence

South East Quadrant	Lynn and Richard Fernbaugh	164 Palm Court Drive
South West Quadrant	Kenneth and Janelle Cardona	2040 Lassen Drive
North East Quadrant	Ron and Bobbi Wulfing	512 North College Drive
North West Quadrant	Jerry and Sylvia Meisenzahl	209 Sycamore Street

Best of Show
Enriquez Residence – 519 North Brian Street

Neighborhood Spirit
Mary Hinojosa – 405 West Cook Street

Best Animation
John and Vicki Mitchell – 409 Larkspur Street

Lifetime Achievement
Earl and Donna Thacker – 1749 North Vine Street
Robert and Sandra Dickerson – 104 Palm Court
Larry and Patti Stewart – 330 South Scott Drive

Award of Excellence Winners
Aaron and Jessica Cote – 1048 Grenada Street
Ed and Rose Carcarey – 407 Palm Court
Lopez Family – 524 N. Brian
John Hindle – 1030 Cortez Drive
Mendez Residence – 1030 Desoto Drive
Ernie Vea – 476 South Palasade Drive
Geoffrey and Juli Bernard – 228 South Linda Drive

H. VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Councilmember Boysen presented a certificate and plaque to Dia De Los Muertos Committee for its commitment to positively impact the community through cultural understanding and acceptance. Jim Mouyeos and the Dia De Los Muertos Committee accepted the certificates.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Leonardo Espinoza, Jr., representing Youth for Young Adults, emphasized issues he believed Council should focus on in the coming year, including local water supply, aid for businesses that were flooded

during the recent rains, and renewable energy to create a self-sustaining community. He requested increased street lighting in certain areas and safer markings near railroad crossings.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Councilmember Waterfield announced that she would abstain from voting on Items 3B (Minutes) and 3C (Warrants) as she was not seated on the City Council when these items were created.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3F (except 3B and 3C) were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Calendar Items 3B (Minutes) and 3C (Warrants) only were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Waterfield

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 2, 2014, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 190194 to 190417 totaling $3,116,965.83 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 189885 was cancelled.

D. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. SANTA MARIA LIBRARY BEQUEST
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-149 approving the receipt of a bequest of $1,000 to the Santa Maria Public Library from the John T. Strawn Living Trust.

Resolution No. 2014-149 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE RECEIPT OF THE JOHN T. STRAWN BEQUEST FOR THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY.

F. NKT INVESTMENTS OPTION PERIOD
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-150 authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into Amendment No. 2 to extend the option period for six additional months with NKT Investments LLC regarding the Atlas Copco-Mafi Trench property on Stowell Road.

Resolution No. 2014-150 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH NKT INVESTMENTS LLC.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM
City Manager Haydon gave a brief presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report stating there were no formal rules as to how the Mayor Pro Tem was to be selected. The Mayor Pro Tem

acts on behalf of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence, as needed. On December 17, 2013 Councilmember Boysen was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem during calendar year 2014.

Mayor Patino nominated Councilmember Zuniga to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2015.

Councilmember Zuniga was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2015 on motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW UPDATE

Police Chief Martin gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. In 2001, the Office of Independent Review (OIR) Group, a civilian oversight group, was founded by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. On December 8, 2011, the Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD) was involved in an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of a known gang member and two police officers sustaining wounds as a result of friendly fire. Seven weeks later, another officer-involved shooting took place resulting in the death of an officer. The District Attorney's Office deemed the use of deadly force in the two incidents to be justified, however, City Manager staff decided to call for an independent audit of the SMPD.

The OIR Group was selected to do the audit. The OIR Group met with City and Police Department personnel, reviewed policies and procedures, audited training records, inspected citizen complaints, and verified whether or not industry-wide best management practices were being adhered to. The OIR Group developed 57 recommendations for staff to address. Based on those recommendations, Chief Martin indicated that 50 have been completed, 2 are currently being addressed, and 5 will be worked into the schedule as they require time to accomplish.

Chief Martin indicated that the Police Department has made vast improvements on the reporting protocol and procedure during Use of Force incidents. The Department plans to have met all OIR recommendations in the next few months, thus addressing all deficiencies mentioned by the OIR Group. The Department's sworn personnel will be 100 percent compliant in training requirements by the end of 2014. All recommendations regarding the Explorer Program have been put in place and the complaint process has been amended to reflect appropriate changes, including a database tracking system.

Councilmember Orach asked if another progress report would follow in May 2015.

Chief Martin responded there would be another report in May when the OIR Group will return and make a presentation to the City Council.

The OIR Group Recommendation Progress Report was received and filed.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Haydon reported on items for the January 6, 2014 meeting to include an actuarial presentation from CalPERS, a public hearing regarding the Splash N Dash Car Wash on Donovan, appointments to various outside Boards and Commissions, and annual technical amendments to the Municipal Code.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):

Councilmember Zuniga reported she attended the tree lighting ceremony, the unveiling of the Trolley in the Holiday Parade, the retirement celebration of Utilities Director Rick Sweet, and a Police Officers swearing in ceremony. She also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Eagle Scouts in the area.

Councilmember Orach reported he met with school superintendents regarding education projects in the community, attended the Holiday Parade, and attended a LAFCO meeting in Santa Barbara.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Mayor's luncheon meeting, a meeting with Dave Cross and City Manager Haydon to discuss retail strategies, a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting, a meeting with a local art teacher to finalize an application for Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge, the tree lighting ceremony, the Parade of Lights, the Day of the Farmer, the Freedom Monument Ceremony, a Rotary meeting, a quarterly school district meeting, the retirement celebration for Utilities Director Sweet, a semi-annual California Highway Patrol meeting, the All-City

Open House, and a holiday open house at the Santa Maria Fairpark. She also visited Fire Station 1 to see the flooding that followed recent rains.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed at 8:09 p.m. to a Closed Session regarding 1) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to 54957.6 of the Government Code, Agency Representative: Deputy City Manager, Employee Organizations: Employee Organizations: Santa Maria Police Officers Assoc. (SMPOA); Santa Maria Fire Fighters Union Local 2020; Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620; Public Safety Managers; Santa Maria Police Association of Middle Management (SMPAMM); and Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, the City Attorney reported that direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

January 6, 2015
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk